

Frank T. Richards, P.E., is a registered professional engineer with broad engineering, transportation, management, budget and legislative experience. Frank joined the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities in 1991 following 10 years of engineering in the private sector. As a professional engineer, Frank has worked on airport, mining and oil development projects around the state including the Red Dog Mine, the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric project and various North Slope oilfield projects.

Frank was previously responsible for Maintenance and Operations of the State's highways, airports and facilities statewide and is intimately familiar with the work force needs of DOT&PF. In this capacity Frank has worked cooperatively with Public Employees Local 71 to address the challenges and come up with new ways to attract equipment operators to the State including apprentice positions.

In addition to his responsibilities as Maintenance and Operations Statewide Engineer, Mr. Richards has been acting as the Deputy Commissioner of Statewide Aviation for the past 3 months. He has recently accepted a promotion to the permanent position of Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Public Facilities. His experience and expertise has afforded him the opportunity to acquire a broad understanding of the integral workings of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

